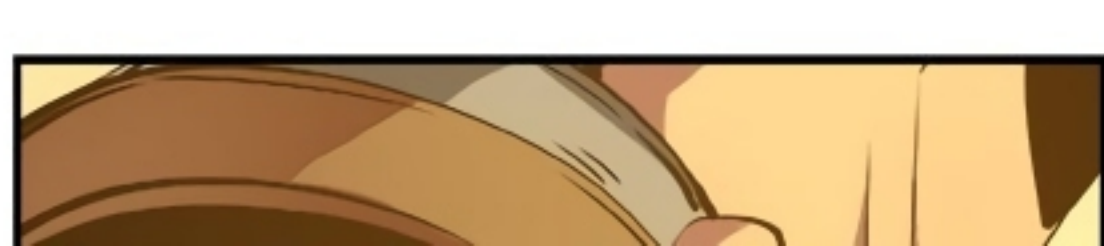


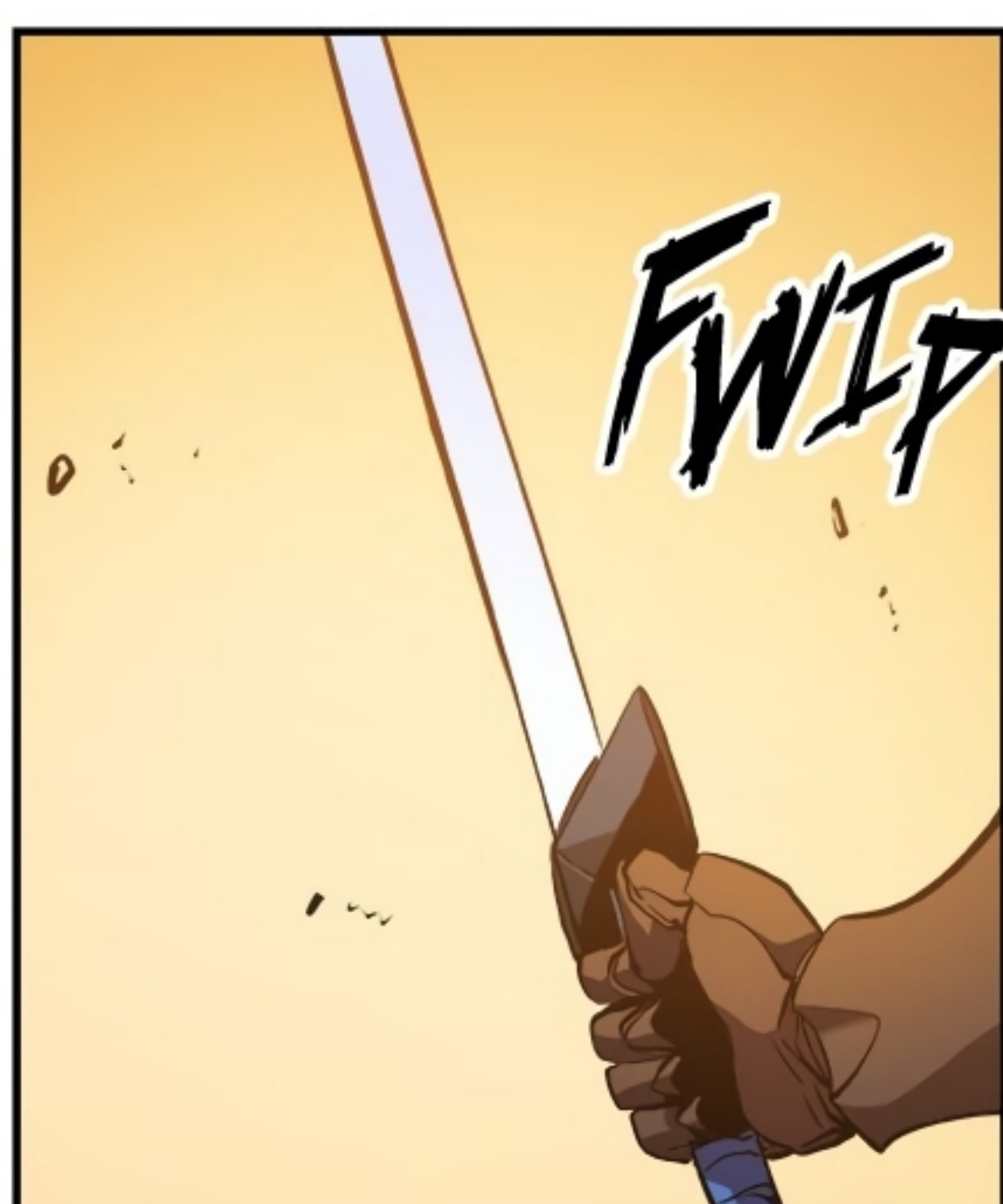
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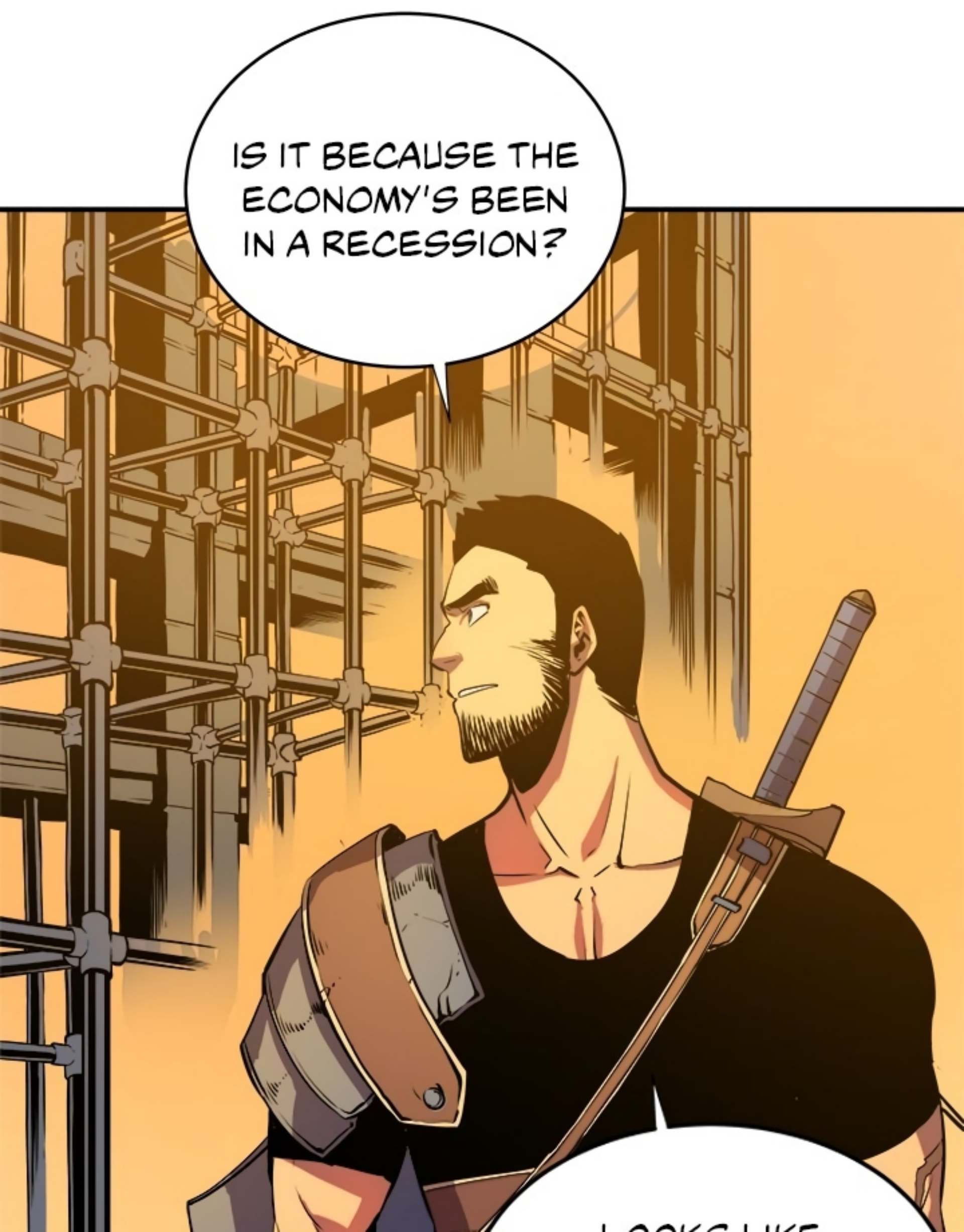
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LOOKS LIKE  
THEY STOPPED  
CONSTRUCTION NOT  
TOO LONG AGO.

I HEARD IT'S  
BEEN TWO MONTHS  
SINCE THE CHAIRMAN  
OF THE COMPANY TOOK  
900 BILLION WON  
AND FLED THE  
COUNTRY.

ALL THE  
EMPLOYEES AND  
INVESTORS ARE IN  
PANIC MODE.

WHY ARE YOU  
TELLING ME  
THIS...?

ISN'T  
THAT BACKPACK  
HEAVY? ARE YOU  
OKAY?

UH... YES, IT'S  
MANAGEABLE.

THANKS TO  
MY STRENGTH  
STATS, THIS IS  
A PIECE OF  
CAKE...

SQUEEZE

YOU'RE OLDER  
THAN ME, SO NO  
NEED TO BE SO  
FORMAL.









OOH!

THE  
ENTRANCE  
IS A BIT WIDE,  
ISN'T IT?

YEAH, THIS  
KIND OF GATE  
IS PRETTY  
RARE.



DONGSUK,  
YOU SURE THIS IS  
A C-RANK GATE?  
LOOKS MASSIVE.

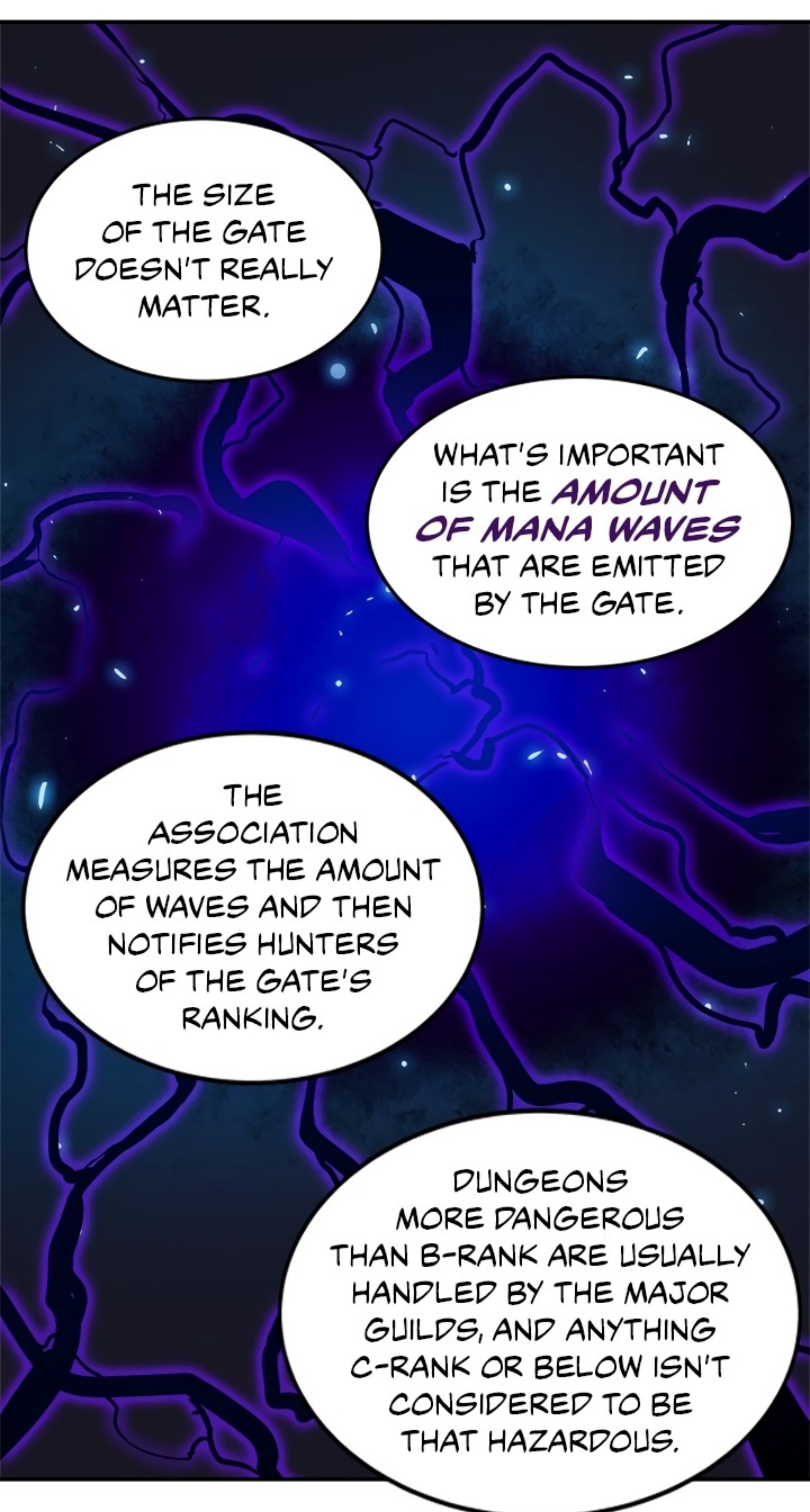
OF COURSE I'M  
SURE. WHY WOULD  
THE ASSOCIATION LIE  
TO US? I HEARD THE  
SURVEYORS EVEN  
CAME BY TO TAKE  
A LOOK.





JINWOO,  
THIS GATE SEEMS  
KIND OF BIG. DO YOU  
THINK IT'S SAFE  
TO GO IN?

IS THIS  
YOUR FIRST  
TIME?



THE SIZE  
OF THE GATE  
DOESN'T REALLY  
MATTER.

WHAT'S IMPORTANT  
IS THE **AMOUNT  
OF MANA WAVES**  
THAT ARE EMITTED  
BY THE GATE.

THE  
ASSOCIATION  
MEASURES THE AMOUNT  
OF WAVES AND THEN  
NOTIFIES HUNTERS  
OF THE GATE'S  
RANKING.

DUNGEONS  
MORE DANGEROUS  
THAN B-RANK ARE USUALLY  
HANDLED BY THE MAJOR  
GUILDS, AND ANYTHING  
C-RANK OR BELOW ISN'T  
CONSIDERED TO BE  
THAT HAZARDOUS.



I SAY THIS,  
BUT...

...THIS  
IS ALSO MY  
FIRST TIME GOING  
INTO A C-RANK  
GATE...

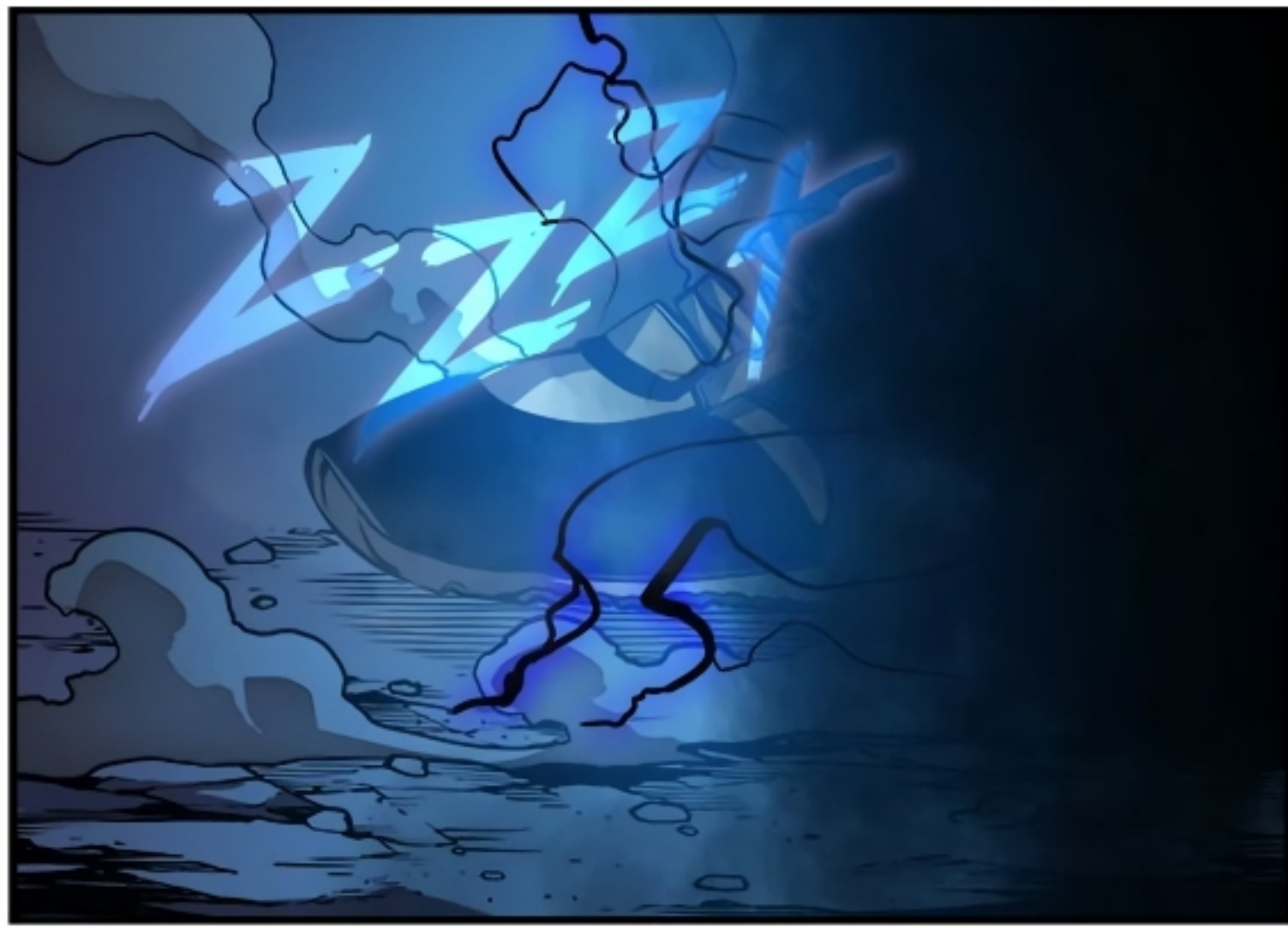
















WHAT IS THIS PLACE...?

WHY AREN'T THERE ANY MAGIC BEASTS?

BEATS ME. ALL THE LIGHTS WERE OFF, TOO.

DUNGEONS NORMALLY HAVE SEVERAL GLOWING STONES ON THE WALLS. WEIRD.



JINWOO, DO SOME DUNGEONS NOT HAVE ANY MAGIC BEASTS?

SHH.



PERK



RUMBLE





THE FACT THAT THERE AREN'T ANY GLOWING STONES MEANS THAT THE MAGIC BEASTS IN THIS DUNGEON LIKE DARKNESS.

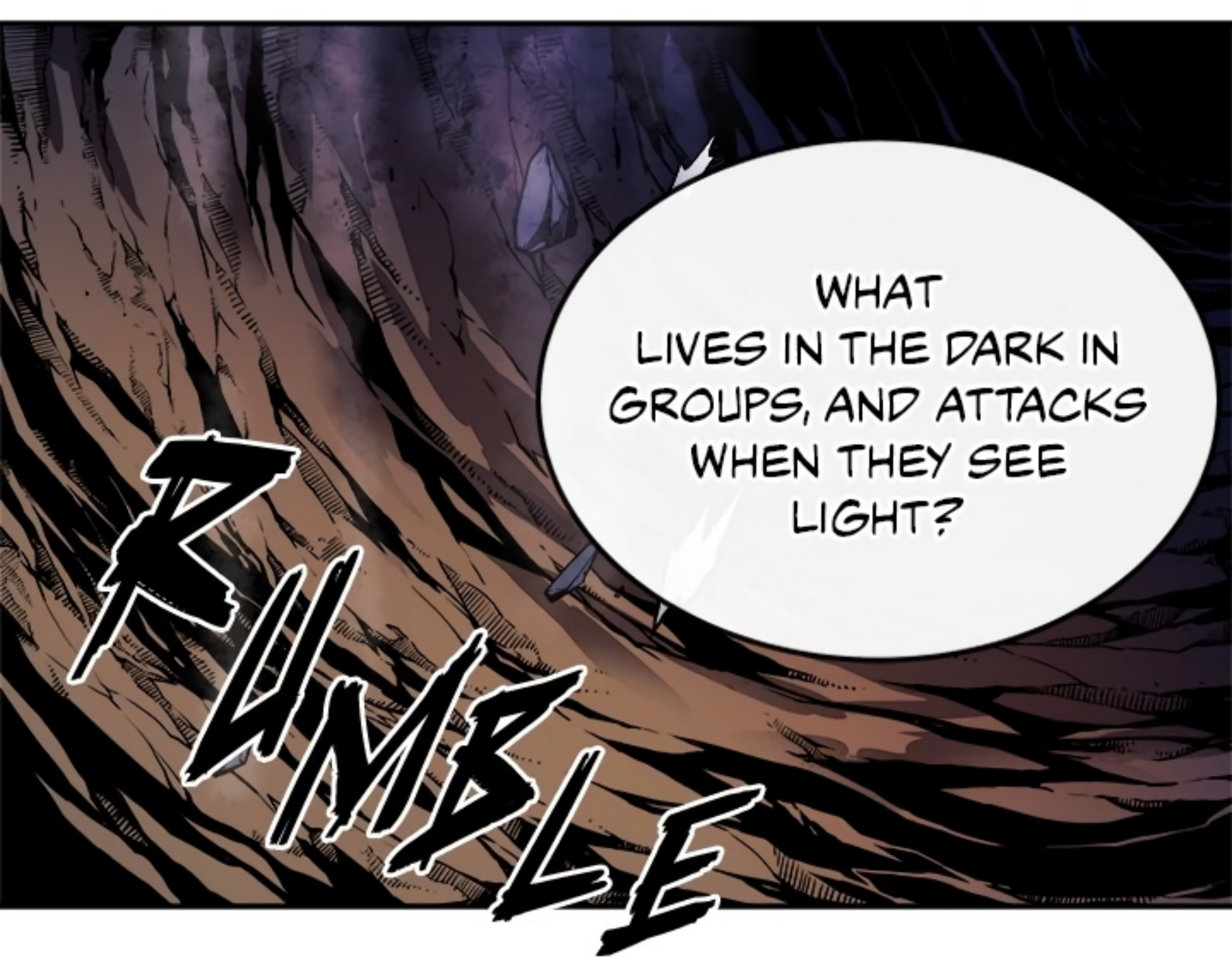
IT'S NOT THAT THERE AREN'T ANY BEASTS, THEY JUST HAVEN'T SHOWN UP YET.



INTELLIGENT BEASTS WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY SURVIVING IN A DUNGEON THAT'S COMPLETELY DARK.



AND IF THESE ARE BEASTS THAT CAN SURVIVE IN THE DARK, THEY PROBABLY DON'T RELY ON THEIR EYESIGHT.



WHAT LIVES IN THE DARK IN GROUPS, AND ATTACKS WHEN THEY SEE LIGHT?

THIS NOISE IS....!







**INSECT-TYPE  
BEASTS!!**



INSECTS?!

**RUMBLE**

ARE WE  
INSIDE OF AN  
ANT-HILL?

**RUMBLE**

STOP  
FREAKING US  
OUT, MAN!



SOUNDS  
LIKE THEY'RE  
CLOSE!

**RUMBLE**

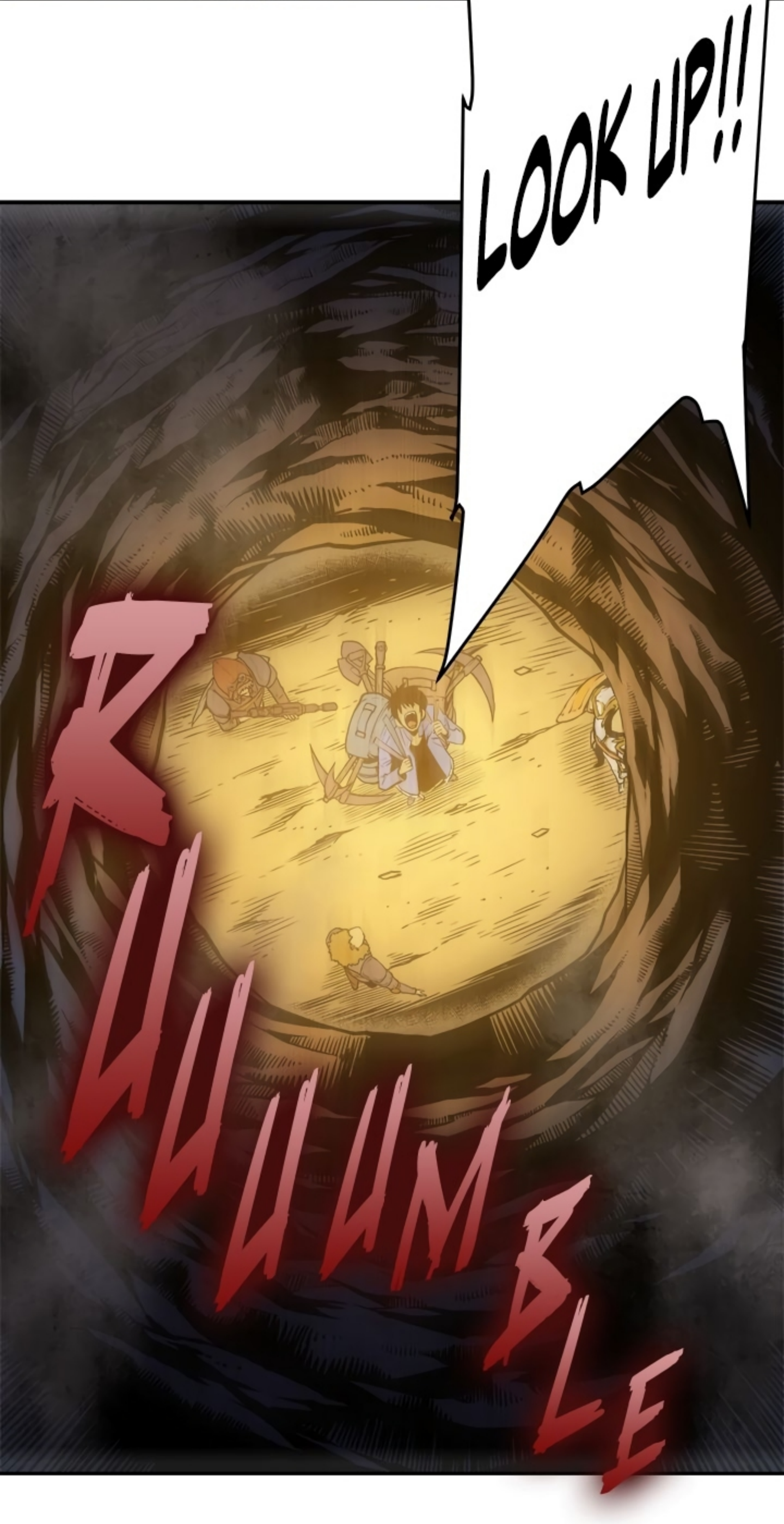
WHAT'S GOING  
ON? WHY CAN'T  
I SEE THEM?!

THERE  
ARE TOO MANY  
CAVERNS!

DONGSUK!  
CAN YOU SEE  
ANYTHING FROM  
OVER THERE?!

NO,  
I DON'T SEE  
A THING!!









SH\*T!  
ABOVE US?!

JINWOO! STICK  
CLOSE TO ME!



THEY'RE  
HERE!!

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

THEY'RE  
COMING FROM  
ABOVE!!

RUMBLE

HOW MANY  
OF THEM ARE  
THERE?!

USE MAGIC!

SHOOT 'EM  
DOWN!

I'LL GO AGGRO

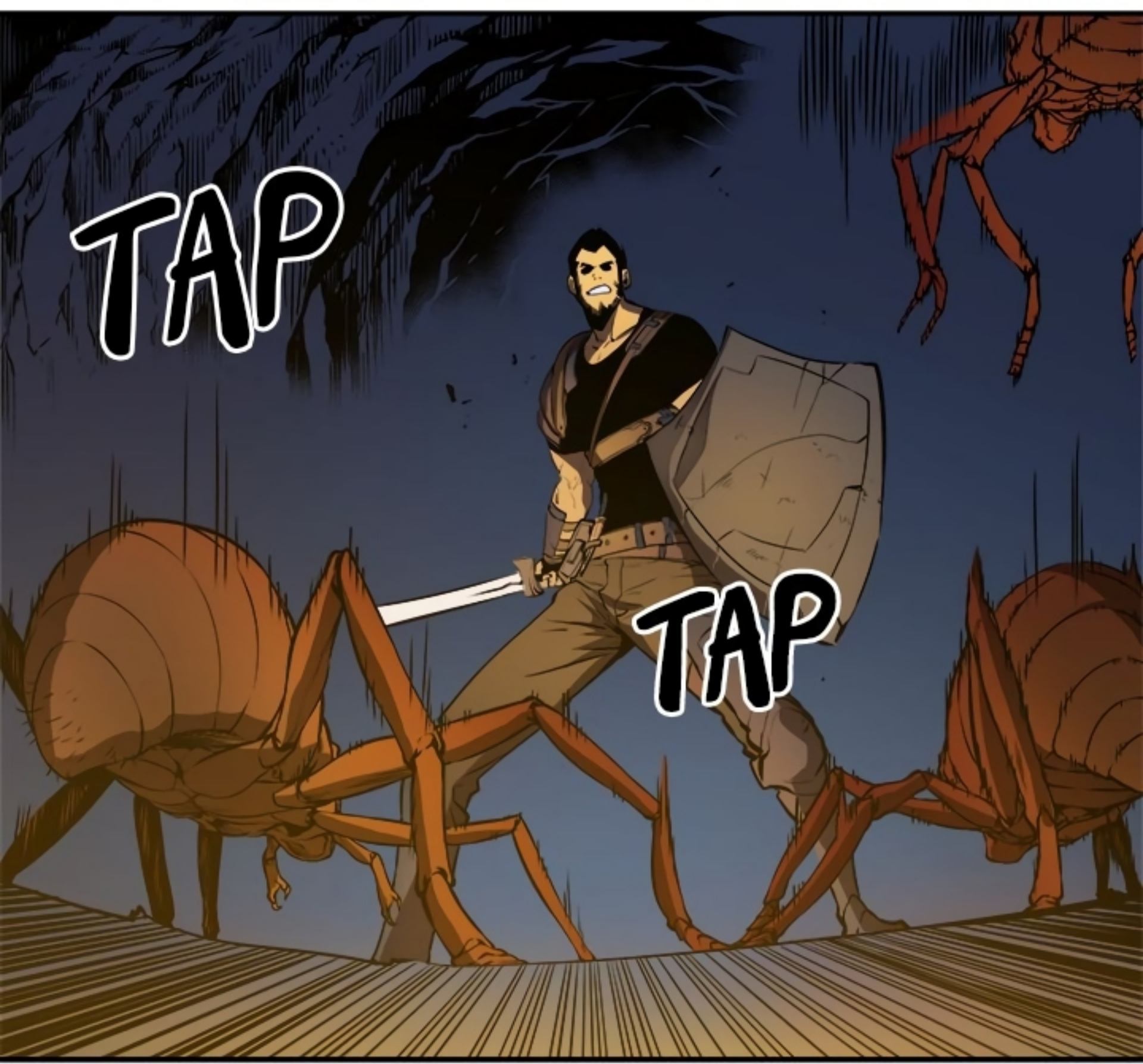


AND DRAW THEIR  
ATTENTION WHEN  
THEY GET DOWN  
HERE!

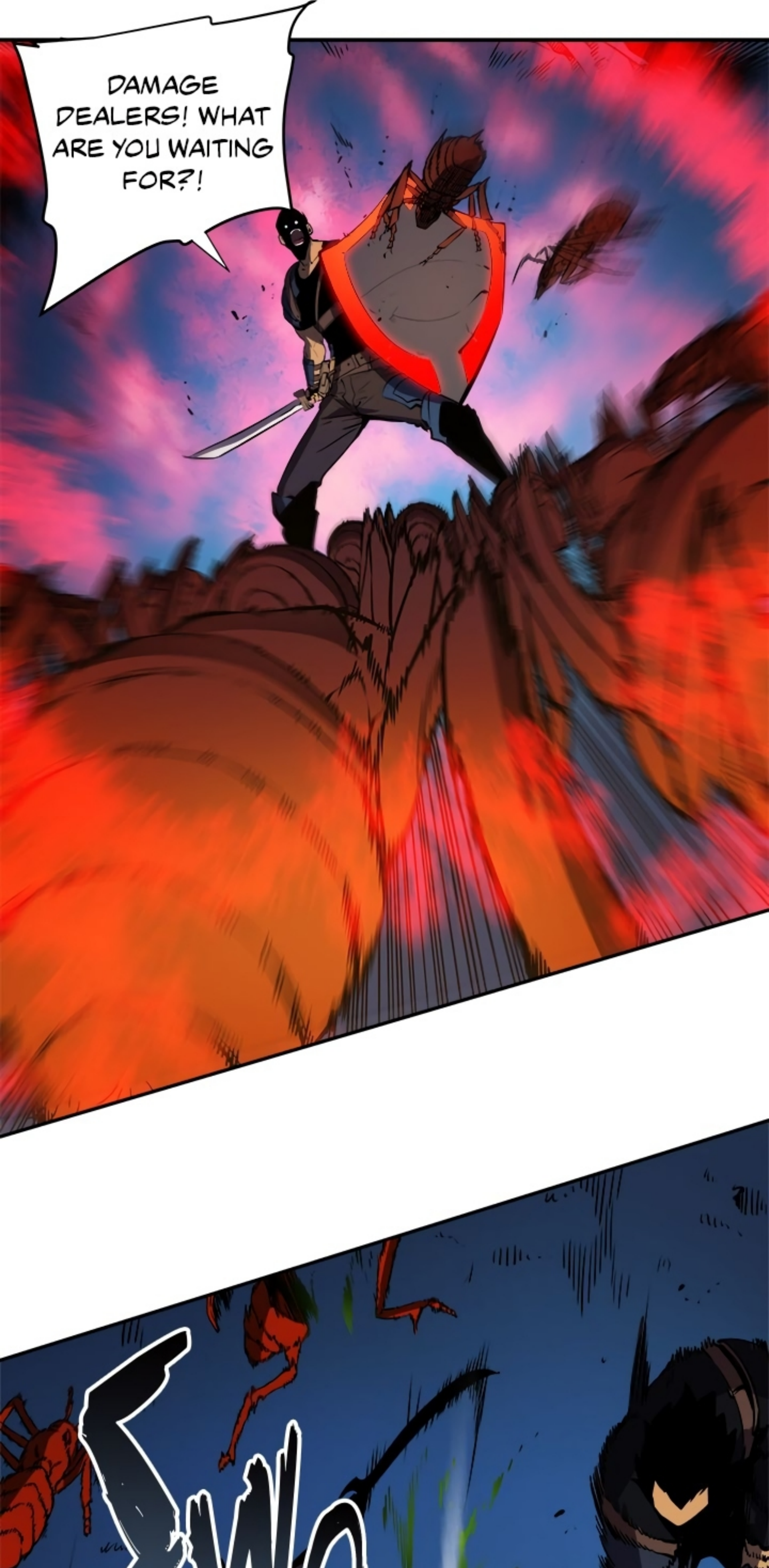
**RUMBLE**

THERE'S  
TOO MANY OF  
THEM!!

**RUMBLE**











C-RANK  
HUNTERS  
ARE PRETTY  
IMPRESSIVE!

THEY CHAIN  
THEIR ATTACKS  
SO WELL.

I GET  
WHY THIS STRIKE  
SQUAD DIDN'T  
BRING A HEALER  
ALONG.

JINSUK,  
11 O'CLOCK!

DONGSUK!  
WATCH YOUR  
RIGHT!

HWANG DONGSUK,  
THE SQUAD LEADER,  
IS DOING A REALLY  
GOOD JOB AS  
THE TANK...

...AND THE  
DEALERS HAVE  
GOOD TIMING,  
TOO.

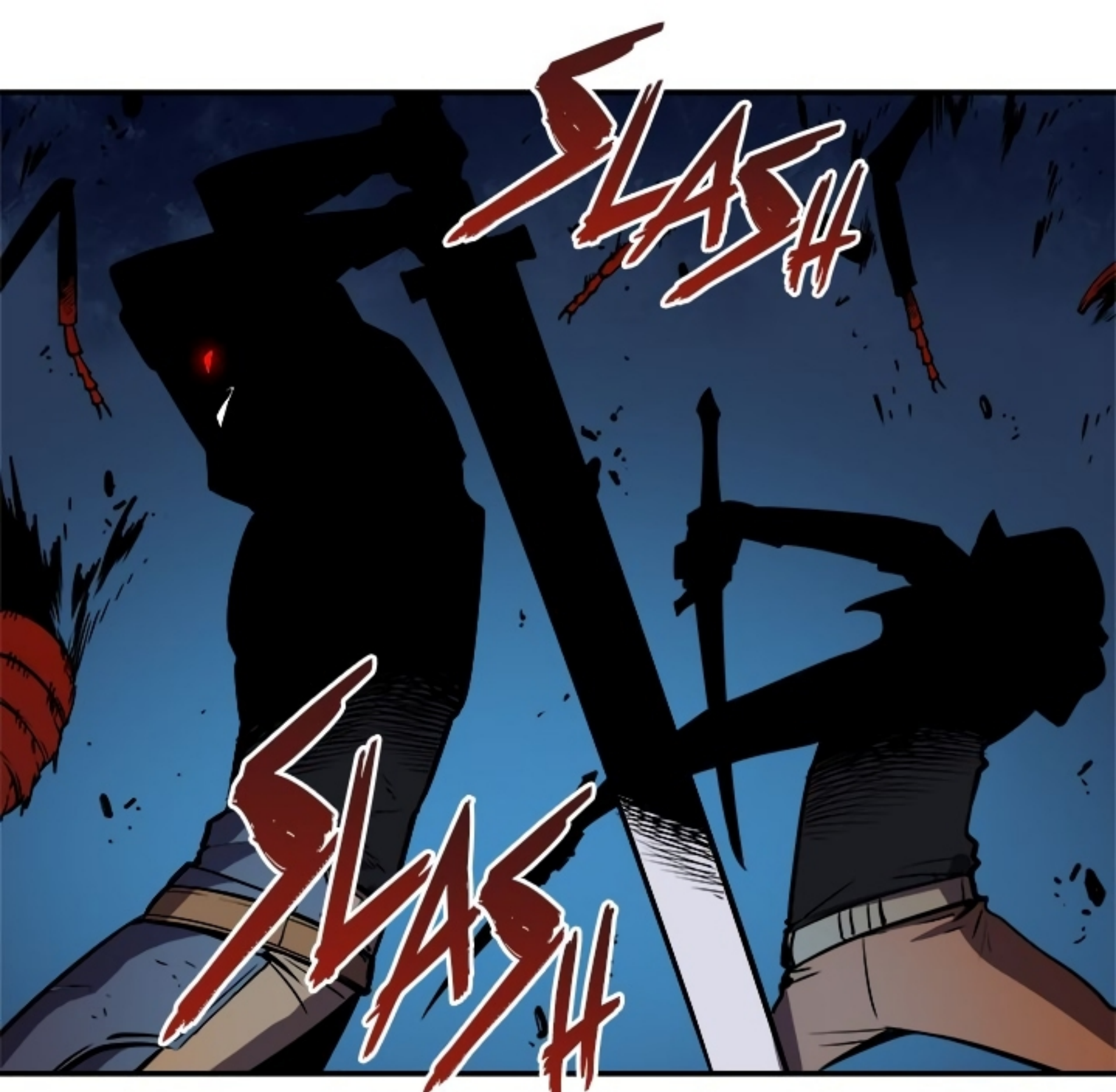
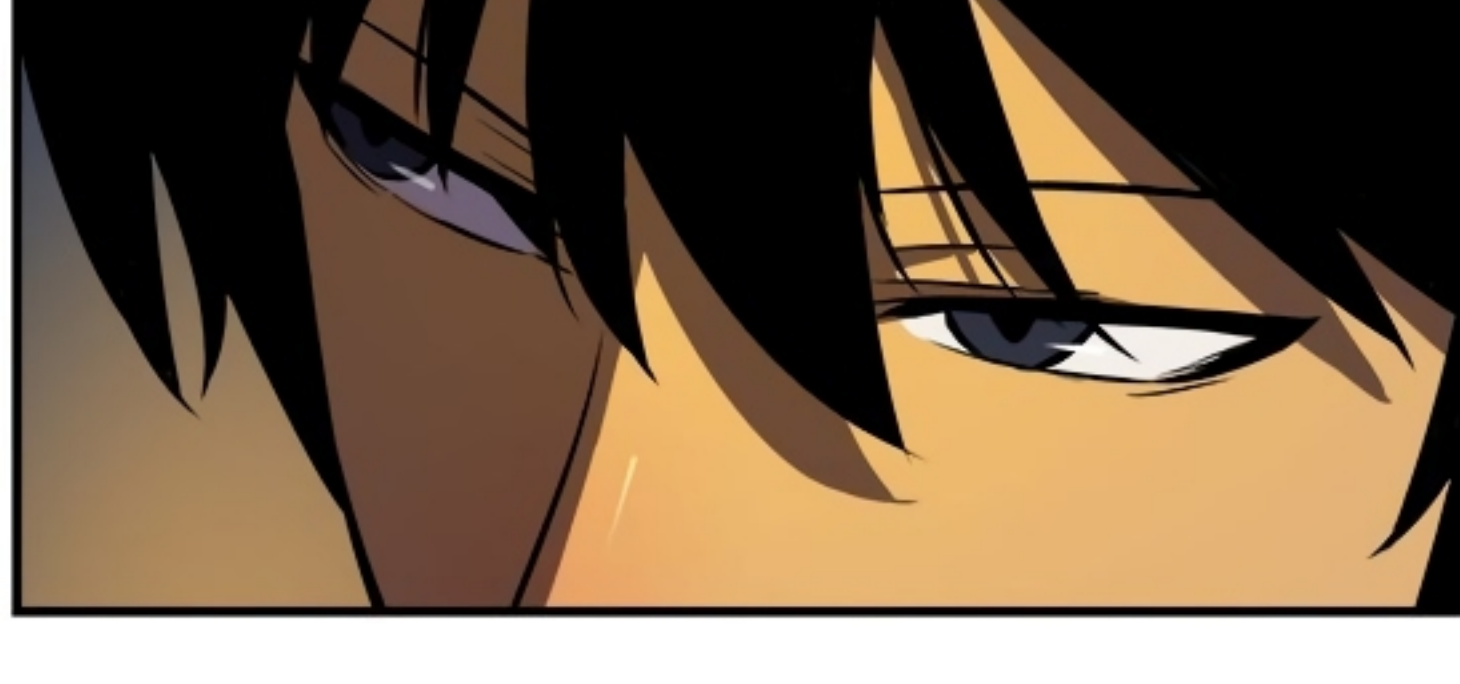


THEY'VE  
PROBABLY BEEN  
WORKING TOGETHER  
AS A TEAM FOR  
A LONG TIME.

JOONTAE,  
SUKMIN,  
KYUHWAN! YOU  
GUYS TAKE THE  
RIGHT SIDE!

OKAY!!

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE  
NOT USED TO FIGHTING WITH  
A HEALER, BUT...



...THEY'RE A BIT ROUGH.

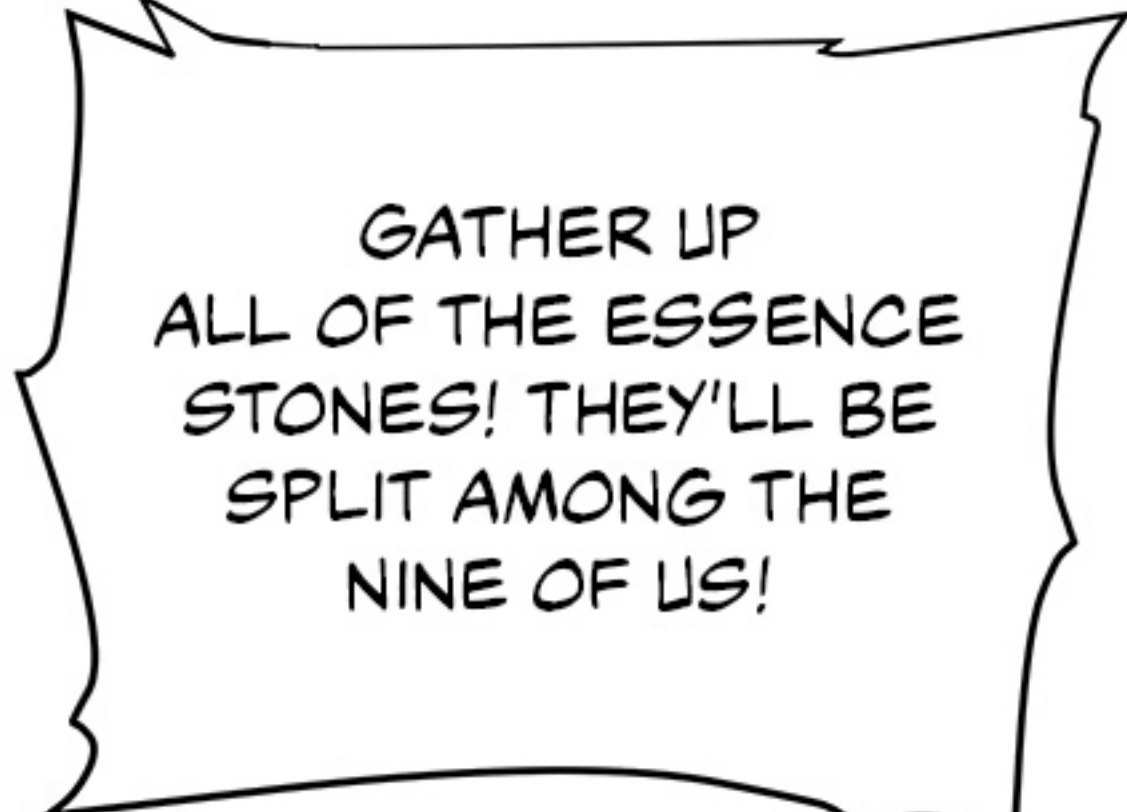
AS FOR  
YOO JINHO...  
HIS FANCY EQUIPMENT  
MAKES UP FOR HIS  
LACK OF SKILLS AND  
EXPERIENCE.



















LOOK AT THE  
WOUNDS ON THESE  
BEASTS.

THEY'RE NOT  
SWORD WOUNDS.  
THESE WEREN'T  
ATTACKED  
BY US.

RIGHT? THE  
BURNS WEREN'T  
CAUSED BY MAGIC,  
EITHER.

SEEMS  
LIKE THEY'VE  
BEEN RIPPED APART  
BY SOMETHING.  
LOOK, THEY'RE  
ALL OVER THE  
PLACE.

THEY WERE  
ALREADY TORN TO  
PIECES BEFORE  
WE FOUGHT  
THEM?

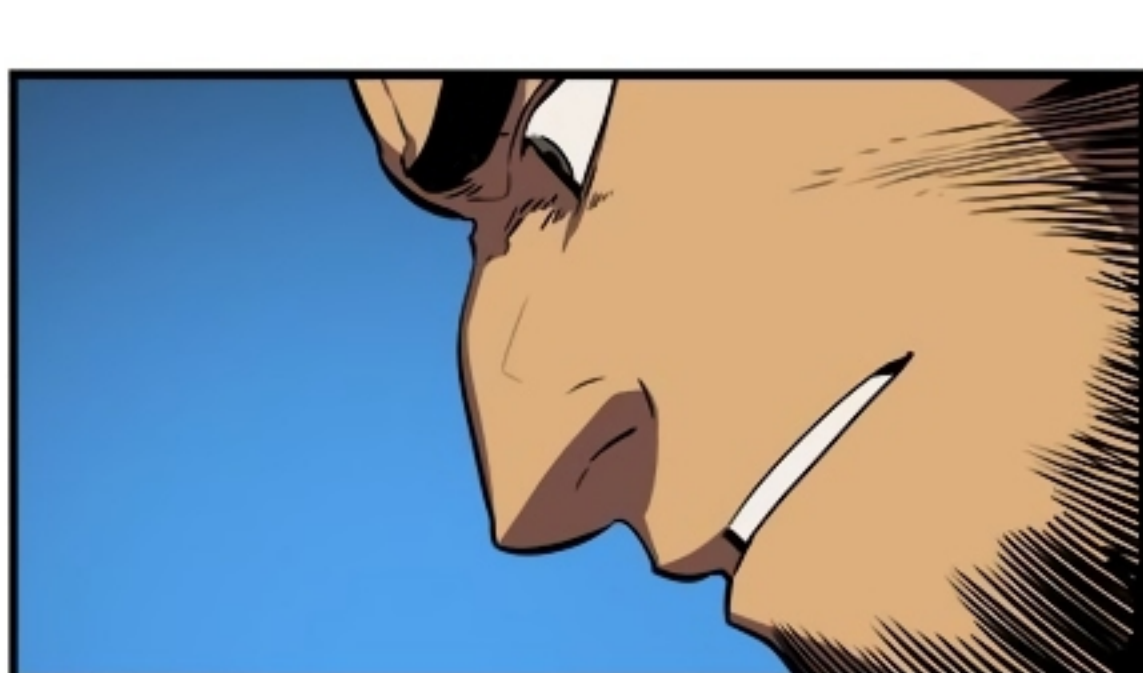


WERE THE MAGIC  
BEASTS FIGHTING  
EACH OTHER OVER  
TERRITORY?

THEN THAT MEANS  
THERE ARE BEASTS  
IN HERE THAT ARE  
STRONGER THAN  
THESE ONES...



COULD IT  
BE THE BOSS?  
OR...







...SMELLS LIKE MONEY.







JINHO.



YOUR SWORD  
AND SHIELD ARE  
EXPENSIVE,  
RIGHT?

WHAT?  
OH, YES. MY DAD  
GOT THEM FOR ME  
SINCE THIS IS MY  
FIRST RAID.



I'M NOT  
TOO SURE,  
BUT...

...I THINK  
WE SHOULD BE  
CAREFUL.



WHAT IS THIS?







WHAT IS THIS OMINOUS  
FEELING...?



To Be Continued...

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